

**WASHINGTON CITY
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2012-01**

DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY – FIRE HAZARDS

**AN EXECUTIVE ORDER OF THE MAYOR DECLARING A LOCAL EMERGENCY
WITHIN WASHINGTON CITY, WASHINGTON, UTAH, BASED UPON IMMINENT
FIRE HAZARDS FROM EXTREMELY DRY WEATHER CONDITIONS AND HEAVY
VEGETATION; IMPLEMENTING EMERGENCY POWERS.**

WHEREAS, Washington City (“City”) is a municipal corporation duly existing under the laws of the state of Utah;

WHEREAS, the Mayor is the chief executive officer for Washington City (City Code 1-5-3,A) and in accordance with UCA 63K-4-301, may declare a local emergency for the City;

WHEREAS, based upon the current and forecasted extremely dry weather conditions and heavy dry vegetation cause an imminent fire hazard;

NOW, THEREFORE, in accordance with UCA 63K-4-301, et seq., the Mayor of Washington City hereby Orders and Declares as follows:

Section 1: Nature, scope, and effect of the local emergency.

Due to current and forecasted weather conditions, coupled with the extremely dry condition and heavy loading of vegetation in southwestern Utah, the State of Utah Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry, Fire and State lands has closed all unincorporated private and state lands within the State of Utah located in Washington County to certain prohibited acts.

These same weather and vegetation conditions exist in the Wildland/Urban Interface (WUI) areas located within Washington City limits.

Section 2: Prohibited Acts.

Until rescinded by the Washington City Fire Department, the following acts are **prohibited in the areas described below**:

1. Kindling, maintaining or authorizing the kindling or maintaining of any open fire of any kind except those fire authorized as recreational fires kindled or maintained in permanently improved places of habitation; i.e., backyard fire pits.
2. Discharging or using any kind of fireworks, pyrotechnic or otherwise incendiary devices.
3. Cutting, welding or grinding metal or other spark producing operations within 30 feet of dry vegetation.
4. Mowing or otherwise cutting dry vegetation after 10:00 a.m.

The following persons are exempted from the above prohibitions:

1. Persons holding a specific permit authorizing an otherwise prohibited act.
2. Any State, Local or Federal Fire Officer or fire fighting forces in the performance of an official duty.

Section 3: Area Description.

1. All areas within the incorporated limits of Washington City that are at or near:
 - A. Directionally North/East of I-15, Mile Marker 10 to 17
 - B. South of Telegraph Road and; East of Washington Fields Road (300 East)
2. Within 30 feet of any combustible structure, fence, vegetation or vehicle

All prohibited acts defined in Section 2 above are prohibited in all areas within the incorporated limits of Washington City as described above. The following two (2) locations are provided for the purpose of lighting legal, consumer fireworks, but not aerial fireworks:

- A. In the CLEARLY MARKED area of the parking lot at the Washington Ball Field Complex next to the soccer field (off of Community Center Drive).
- B. In the CLEARLY MARKED area of the parking lot at the East entrance of Pine View Park.

EXCEPTION: The discharge or use of legal consumer fireworks in this Section 3, do not pertain to, nor allow, the use of any aerial fireworks, which are strictly prohibited.

- D. Nothing herein shall prohibit Washington City from undertaking traditional July fireworks, so long as approved through appropriate Public Safety channels.

Section 4: Enforcement.

Violation of prohibited acts will be prosecuted as a Class B Misdemeanor.

Section 5: Effective date and duration.

This order is effective as of 12:01 a.m., 28th day of June, 2012 through until rescinded.

BY ORDER of the Mayor this ____ day of June, 2012.

Kenneth F. Neilson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Danice B. Bulloch, City Recorder